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SUBJ: POSSIBLE FRASER TRIP TO U.S.

1. IN SHORT NEWS STORIES, BOTH "THE AUSTRALIAN" AND THE "CANBERRA TIMES" BROACHED THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRIP TO THE U.S. THIS COMING SUMMER BY PRIME MINISTER FRASER.
 2. "THE AUSTRALIAN", IN ITS CUSTOMARILY MISLEADING FASHION, HEADLINED "FRASER GETS INVITATION TO SUMMIT". PUTTING ONE AND ONE TOGETHER TO GET FIVE, IT NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAD INVITED HIM TO ATTEND ITS TRI-ANNUAL CONGRESS IN ORLANDO FROM OCTOBER 1-6, ADDING THAT THE ICC HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD OPEN THE CONGRESS "WORLD SITUATION PERMITTING", AND THAT OTHER LEADERS WHO SAID THEY ARE "ALMOST CERTAIN TO ATTEND" INCLUDE WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, SAUDI ARABIA'S SHEIKH YAMANI, SINGAPOREAN PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW, BRITISH TREASURER DENIS HEALEY, TOP JAPANESE OFFICIALS, AND FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. "THE AUSTRALIAN" CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS SHAPING UP AS A MINI-SUMMIT.
 3. THE "CANBERRA TIMES", A BIT MORE REASONABLY, SIMPLY TOOK NOTE OF FRASER'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION AND WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN
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EDMONTON, CANADA, IN AUGUST. "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID MR. FRASER COULD ALSO VISIT EUROPEAN CAPITALS FOR TRADE TALKS BEFORE FLYING TO MOSCOW, AND THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT ON THE WAY HOME FROM CANADA, HE MIGHT VISIT WASHINGTON".
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